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Monday's Vote

What the Campaign has resolved itself into—A situation in Edmonton that calls for sober thought and action—Mr. Robertson's striking utterances

There is no doubt that the Government will be returned by a large majority on Monday. The situation is reviewed in detail elsewhere in this issue. With eight elections by acclamation and a number of the constituencies in which none but Liberal candidates are running, the general result is a certainty. "A strong Opposition needed" was the heading over the leading editorial article in the Edmonton Journal of Tuesday, which is clear enough indication that so far as determining which party is to be in power for the next four years, the issue is already decided.

But this does not mean that all interest has gone out of the campaign. A bitter fight is being conducted in several constituencies, not in the hope of turning out the Government, but nevertheless with very definite purposes in view. In Calgary a desperate effort is being made to secure Mr. Bennett's return to public life. The motive which, we believe, underlies this was explained at length last week. Mr. Bennett has been and will continue to be the spokesman of those interests with which the Government of Alberta has, almost from the day that it came into existence, been thrown into conflict. In its dealings with the Canadian Pacific railway, with the lumbermen, and with other strong business corporations and associations, it has shown a courage and a resource and a zeal in asserting public rights, which have given it unique prestige throughout the whole continent and are responsible for the success which it is now meeting in its appeal to the mass of the voters.

Such a policy, however, cuts both ways. We have enough faith in democracy to believe that no Government that has made such a record will ever be turned out so long as it retains the characteristics which have distinguished that of Mr. Rutherford. But we also know that those powerful influences which it has antagonized will always do what they can to place obstacles in the path and to weaken the force of the general verdict. In such a situation, their plan is to concentrate their efforts in particular localities, first in helping the candidature of individuals, who are in strong sympathy with them, and secondly, in striving to bring about the defeat or at least to weaken the standing of those who have been most active in the pursuit of those public policies which have not been to their liking. This is exactly what is happening in Alberta. The two constituencies in which the hardest fighting is being done are Calgary and Edmonton. In the former Mr. Bennett is being strongly supported by the farmers against which the Government has been fighting and in the latter every thing possible is being done to compass the defeat of Mr. Cross, who is still engaged in an encounter along the line with the C. P. R., who successfully prosecuted the lumber combine and who introduced the workman's compensation act.

In each case, the object is the same, but the methods are radically different. In Calgary, the supporters of Mr. Bennett are depending almost wholly on the anti-Edmonton cry. The electors are being told that Mr. Cross has been able to do for the capital city and of how Mr. Cushing and other representatives of their part of the Province have been puppets in the hands of "the Edmonton gang."

"The Conservatives and Independ-

ents," so the Herald tells its readers, "do not believe that Edmonton should be the centre of the earth. They desire to give equal treatment to north and south. Their political action is not limited to doing what made for Edmonton's politicians dictate."

Again the Herald says: "Everyone knows that Calgary has a larger population than Edmonton; Edmonton people admit it themselves. Edmonton's population would only allow of two members. Calgary's population being larger should have at least three seats. But the 'made for Edmonton' government couldn't stand for that. Just couldn't let Calgary get its dues. So they chopped off part of this city and put it into a rural constituency. Mr. Cushing evidently thought it was all right. He never made an audible protest."

Several columns could be filled with extracts to this effect from the Herald. That such cries are based upon misrepresentation is easy to show. But it is hardly necessary to take up the space required in doing so. We merely give these extracts to show the character of the campaign being conducted in Mr. Bennett's behalf.

Other Conservative newspapers in the country south of Calgary are taking up the Herald's line of attack. "If four more years of everything for Edmonton and the north is what you want, vote for the government candidate. He likes it."

This is from the Lethbridge News: "The district north of Red Deer gets 22 seats, while that to the south is given only 19," says the Medicine Hat Times. "The full significance of this can be seen when we remember that at the last Dominion election Southern Alberta sent a Conservative deputation to Ottawa, while the north voted Liberal. It is estimated that about two-thirds of the population of the province south of Red Deer—and as someone has laconically remarked, about seven-eighths of the intelligence. Yet this two-thirds gets only 19 seats, while the other third gets 22. This is discrimination with a vengeance. Electors, how are you going to answer it on March 22?"

A grosser misstatement of facts than is contained in the above would be hard to imagine. It is too close to polling day to venture an opinion as to what success such an appeal will meet with. But this is certain that it is unworthy of the citizenship of this great province and that it is to be hoped that the party which raises it will receive such an answer on Monday from all parts of Alberta that no one will be encouraged to follow the example that is being set in this campaign.

Coming to Edmonton, we find the tactics changed. One would naturally think that so violent an anti-Edmonton cry being made to do duty against the government in the south, it would mean a surrender in the city that is represented as the recipient of more than its share of public favors. But for the fact that the Attorney-General is a candidate in Edmonton, this is undoubtedly what would happen. The interests to which we have referred consider him the head and forefront of the Government's offending and are making a dead set upon him. No one has taken the trouble to study the political drift in the city could have any doubt upon this point for months past. Others, whose interest is more casual, have had their eyes opened during the past week. At one of the public meetings a circular was read, signed by the secretary of the Central Employers' Association, calling upon the members to use their utmost endeavor to put Mr. Cross out of political life and there is no question that the combination of influences, that find distasteful the activity of the kind that the Attorney-General has displayed during his term of office, will leave no stone unturned to bring about this result.

The situation is a serious one and calls for sober thought and action. There is not a voter who is not more concerned in advancing the welfare of the city and the Province, with which he has tied up his future, than in aiding the cause of any party, and the man who by his vote on

The Railway Girl



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(With apologies to The Vancouver Province)

Monday plays into the hands of those who are pursuing this campaign against the Attorney-General takes a big responsibility on his shoulders. It is not enough that he should be elected. To have him returned by a small majority would serve the purposes of those behind this movement almost as well as if he were defeated. It would serve as a warning to others that a strong, aggressive policy on behalf of the broad interests of the people, opposed to those of a narrow but powerful section, doesn't pay in politics. It would weaken Mr. Cross in the pursuit of his policies in the future and as a member of the Government, in which he has occupied so prominent and influential a place since it was formed.

It is unnecessary here to enter into the details of those policies in respect to which the Attorney-General has occupied an outstanding position and which have brought down upon him the antagonism with which he is now face to face. The Saturday News has discussed them from time to time and its readers know what leads it to express its approval of them. We are confident that the mass of the people strongly approve of them as well. How many are there who are not ready to applaud Mr. Cross for his successful efforts in making the C. P. R. pay a greater part of its proper share of taxation? How many are there who sympathize with the "persecuted" lumbermen, as they were described in a letter from a leading member of the Employers' Association the other day? How many are there who do not believe that an industry itself should bear the expense of making proper provision against accidents that befall those engaged in it? It isn't for the good of the public that those who fill the lumber stables in life and the women and children dependent upon them should be reduced to penury through no fault of their own.

What, then, is the clear duty of those who recognize that on all these issues Mr. Cross has been fighting the battle of the public? Are they justified in aiding the plans of the various interests that are opposed to him? The verdict which is given on Monday will serve as a pretty fair test of the quality of Edmonton citizenship.

We have referred in the above to Mr. Cross alone, for the reason that the campaign, that is thus being conducted, is solely against him. None of this antagonism is being displayed towards Mr. McDougall and it is a certainty that his record as a public man will ensure him a large vote.

We do not propose to follow the example that has been set in Calgary and start a local cry. The Government has acted fairly by all parts of the Province. But we do think that the citizens of Edmonton should be exceedingly careful about doing anything that would weaken an administration, the policy of which means so much to us and strengthen the hands of a party, the leading representative of which in this campaign feels towards this city as Mr. Bennett does. The belief is general that Calgary will on Monday return as its members Mr. Cushing and Mr. Bennett. Certainly no Conservative in the Province has a better chance of election than the latter. And once in the House, it is impossible that a man of his ability and experience will occupy a second place. On him the responsibility of reorganizing the Conservative party for Provincial purposes will fall. But should Edmonton electors come to the help, by casting their votes on Monday against the Government, of a man who is evidently prepared to do all that he can to prevent them from realizing those projects on which they found their greatest hopes for the future. Take this extract from a speech of Mr. Bennett's in Calgary one night last week

"Another issue raised is, we must support Rutherford for his railway policy. For his Edmonton to Fort McMurray railway, running for a distance of 350 miles to the north pole, with not for ten miles on each side of it 100 people."

If the Liberal leader, Mr. Rutherford, had referred in such language to an undertaking, which meant as much to the upbuilding of Calgary as this line to the city's hinterland, does to Edmonton, how many Liberal votes would be cast in Calgary?

Perhaps the most striking tribute to the work of the Government that has been paid in the course of the campaign was that which came from the leader of the Opposition in the House just dissolved, Mr. Robertson, in the course of his nomination speech in Nanton. "Mr. Robertson then took up his work in the Legislature," the report of the meeting reads. "He said the expenditure on public works in High River riding had been approximately \$100,000 and was only exceeded in ridings in which it had been necessary to build very expensive bridges. He also said that Nanton would secure two additional railroads as a result of his work in the legislature; that \$1000 has been appropriated for a court house site here, and that \$20,000 or \$25,000 would be appropriated next session for a court house."

In other parts of the Dominion, we have heard how Government expenditure was regulated according to the amount of Government support that a riding gave. Yet here we have that represented by the leader of the Opposition being treated with such perfect fairness that he feels called upon to make public mention of the fact. Surely it wasn't because of Mr. Robertson's influence with the administration, however, but simply because the Government has been conducted on the principles of even-handed justice for the benefit of the whole people, regardless of locality or of party leanings, which serves to explain why it has disarmed general opposition.

The attitude of the average man, who is too good a citizen to sacrifice public interest for the sake of his previous party connections, was illustrated first by Mr. Huebert and within the last week or so by Mr. P. J. Nolan, K.C., the well-known Calgary barrister. Mr. Nolan is a Conservative but he has not hesitated to take the platform and tell why in the present instance he will vote for the Government's return.

"It seems to me," he said at Innisfail, "if we have to spend our lives in this Western country. It is up to us to spend our lives to the best possible advantage, and to do this we must support the administration which has proved its capability of looking after the interests of the Province to the best possible advantage."

"I appear before you," he continued, "neither as a Liberal or a Conservative, but solely and simply as a citizen of Alberta, as a man who has resided here for the past twenty years and whose interests are the same as yours for the purpose of placing myself on record with a view of asking those whose minds are unbiased, and who look at the matter from a purely unbiased point of view, whether they are satisfied with the administration of the affairs of the Province under the Rutherford Government, and if so, to ask them in support that Government for another term."

"In these days, when the atmosphere is supposed to reek with graft and corruption, there is not one instance where any man in the Province can point the finger of suspicion at the Rutherford Government."

"I think, and hundreds of others throughout the Province think like me, that while we are getting our affairs managed capably and with credit, and while there is no honest reason why the present administration should be deposed by inexperienced legislators, the electors should drop party politics and unite in supporting the administration which has so successfully demonstrated its ability as a government."

This is the position that every reasonable man, who hasn't an axe to grind and who simply wishes to see the Province go ahead and realize its possibilities, will adopt.

A Survey of the Field

The situation in the different constituencies of the province sized up on the eve of polling—A forecast of the next house.

Nomination day saw eight supporters of the Rutherford administration returned by acclamation. Five of those who were so fortunate as to gain their seats without the worry and fatigue of a contest were members of the last House.

STURGEON. The walk-over for Mr. J. R. Boyle in Sturgeon was a remarkable tribute to his ability and energy as a member. In 1905 he had one of the hard fights of the campaign and was looked upon as marked for certain defeat. So well has he improved his opportunities in the meanwhile, however, that it looks as if he can sit for Sturgeon as long as he wants to. He has never lost an opportunity of pressing the claims of his constituents and has kept closely in touch with them. He has been an exceedingly useful member of the House, bringing to his duties a well-trained mind and a large practical acquaintance with public affairs. He was a very efficient chairman of the committee of the whole House.

VICTORIA. Mr. Frank Walker, who becomes member for Victoria by acclamation, showed his fighting powers first in 1905, when he had the largest majority given any candidate outside the members of the cabinet. He did not take a prominent part as Mr. Boyle in the business of the House but in pushing the claims of his riding he was a close rival to the member for Sturgeon. He was one of the earliest converts to the policy of establishing a Government pork packing plant and his influence was no small one in bringing the government to take the matter up. Mr. Walker is geniality personified, no small qualification for a representative.

PEMBINA. This is a new constituency with an old member. Most of it was included in St. Albert in the last Legislature and Mr. H. W. McKenney, having been given the Liberal nomination, had no opposition to face. Mr. McKenney is one of the most interesting figures in the public life of the province. He has been in the West for upwards of half a century and each year has seen an increase in his confidence in its future. Naturally his advice is highly valued and, on the too few occasions that he speaks, he is always given the closest hearing.

LACOMBE. Mr. W. F. Puffer, who will again represent Lacombe, was probably the most typically Western member in the last House. He has been in Alberta something like twenty-five years and is thoroughly acquainted with its needs. He is a forceful speaker and the possessor of an unusual amount of good common sense.

LEDUC. The old member for Leduc comes back. A resident of Edmonton in the early days, Mr. Telford has prospered with the development of the country. He is not heard from very frequently in the Legislature but is always on the job, and has evidently given his constituents the kind of service that they appreciate.

PAKAN. Mr. P. E. Lessard, the well-known Edmonton merchant, has been returned for this new constituency by acclamation. He has all the qualifications which should make for distinct political success. He is a natural leader of men, with sound views on general matters of policy, and a pleasing and at the same time forceful personality.

SEDFORD. This new constituency returns Mr. Charles Stewart of Killam, a man of evident local strength, from whom much is expected.

LAKE ST. ANNE. With all the railway construction that is imminent to the west of Edmonton, Mr. Peter Gunn, who (Continued on page 4)

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The buffeting, the din,
The breasts of love, the little dense,
The roaring drive I know not
whence,
The riot curled within,
Cease, and in dreamless innocence
The Self forgets its sin;
Forgets, unloving like a robe,
The body and its life.
Till at the dawn over the globe
(That soft and silver thief!)
It wakes; nor ever eye can probe
Where it has found relief.
I die. The treasure-ships I sought.
The glories and the glory
The lives wherewith my own was
wrought
(As in some tapestry gem-fraught)
Nearly and tenderly,
And the tune in my ear had almost
caught.
All sink away from me.
Then dreamless across interpose
The gap, perchance, so long.
Will the Self wake to strains it
knows?
Will the vast star-lit throng
Take up, renewed by deep repose,
The full theme of the song?

WANTED, REFERENCES!
I know enough of law and newspaper ethics to be well aware that while a trial in progress it is not permissible to comment on a possible verdict. Were it otherwise a very great amount of injustice and suffering would undoubtedly be brought about. And yet this week I am going to refer to probably the most talked of case at present in Canada, the murder of Miss Ethel Kinrade in Hamilton a week or so ago.

I am doing this not to pander to a morbid interest or in the light of anyone's possible impudence, but to call attention to what, in this case is only a side issue at present, but which before the trial is concluded, it seems to me, will be found to be an important factor in the prosecuting counsel's daring to put the very pointed questions he has to Miss Florence Kinrade, the sister of the murdered girl. I refer to her journeyings to and fro about the country with a mysterious lady, Miss Marion Elliot.

At the time of writing (Monday) very little has seemed to have been gathered about this extremely open-handed person. All that appears at present is that she introduced herself to Miss Kinrade at the McNab street church, that she was an Englishwoman of no settled abode, and that it was she who first induced Miss Kinrade to go to out-lying parts with her, giving a series of concerts, cheerfully enough gratuitously. At the time of the trip to Richmond, when this unhappy girl was singing in a church as well as at some dime theatre, we learn with interest that Miss Elliot again was the moving spirit of the venture, paying on a great many occasions, Miss Kinrade's expenses. But even this is not so marvelous as that Miss Kinrade's mind is a perfect blank as to the various places at which they stopped. Was it an hotel, a private house or an apartment?

She didn't know. Where did she meet Miss Elliot's friends in Toronto and become known to them? She didn't know. Where is this fairy god-mother now? She hasn't the faintest idea. I lay stress on all this because it goes to prove that Miss Kinrade's parents, who seem to have been affectionate, worthy people, yet allowed their daughter to go knocking about the country with a woman about whom neither they, nor Miss Kinrade, knew a particle.

To-day this fact and her strange lapse of memory are telling quite terribly in the public mind against her. I have headed this article "Wanted References," because I wish to point out that while we are demanding written testimonials from our domestic help, we are jeopardizing our children's lives by not exercising similar care in their case. We refuse a girl a place in our household because she can't refer us to others who will vouch for her whether as to her cooking ability, cleanliness, character, etc., while we allow our sons and daughters to make the acquaintance and to form close companionship with people of whom we and they know absolutely nothing.

One smiles a bit when a chaperone is mentioned nowadays. Poor thing! she has grown so appallingly old-fashioned. But is there not at the same time just a little scorn as well? The popular chaperone, what is she? In a great many cases a light-headed young thing who needs more looking after than her flock. In proportion to her ability to lose her self is she voted a popular "dragon" or no.

It has become permissible then for our young girls to knock around

pretty much alone. On such and such a sleigh ride, to the theatre, a house, they vend their independent ways. With the right man and the proper girl, no evil results follow, but I do maintain that with a great many of the gaily young things it is taking long chances.

That wolves in sheep's clothing stalk in high and honored places is finding ample exemplification in Edmonton just at this moment. I know one man, and a married one at that, who is presently leaving town "because he has been found out." No odium is attached to his name, and presently he will find no doubt another position. They will take him on his own face value, without taking the trouble to inquire of Mr. KENNEDY and again he will have abundant opportunity to play the villain.

What's in a name? Every thing. It is an honored one, honored for real merit, we have a staff to lean upon.

A name should be a brand. All your and my life should go into the making of ours. And if I know, and you know, that the day we commit the unforgivable sins we stand branded, John Smith a wrecker of women's honor, or James Jones a follower of ways that are dark, then will we see to it that we shall preserve them as our most priceless possessions. By them we will be judged. It would be my remedy for all "secret sinners."

So frequently one hears the remark "it wouldn't do for the facts to become known." Why? If a deed isn't too vile to do, why were we compound in keeping it dark?

Referring again to the Kinrade case it would seem that parents who are extremely careful in regard to particulars of no great consequence, are very lax when it comes to momentous issues.

Mr. Kinrade was often annoyed and had words over houses which his son built for him, but when it came to letting his daughter go off on a long journey with a woman he didn't know, he allowed her coaxing to over-balance his judgment.

Any night you have only to walk down Jasper Avenue to see dozens of girls, young girls, loitering around the stores and street corners. Many of them come from good homes, they just coaxed to be allowed out. Along the same street sleek wolves dressed in sheep's skins, clothing. Before long the wolves invite the lambs to the theatre, the next time to a little supper. Such a lark! and a family's trouble stands ready made for them.

It has always seemed to me a big mistake to imagine that the Devil hasn't sense enough to veil his devilish plans in garments and propensities. I believe I am right when I say that his Archwickedness stalks among us, the most fascinating of men; smooth, urbane, sometimes in saintly guise, but seldom bearing the brand of his devilry about him. To do so would be to frighten us, and so forewarning, forewarn us. I imagine his agents are much the same. References then are always in order.

Lastly, before going on to the climax towards which I am working, I want to say that I think as employers of domestic help we should exercise a little more care as to who we bring into our homes. We encourage we permit our maids to keep, and that we should take a little more thought of the places they frequent while off duty. Were I disposed I could cite some startling cases where such forethought would have prevented unmentionable sorrow and trouble.

And now I am brought to speak of the pamphlet entitled "The White Slave" traffic, by the Hon. Edwin W. Sims, United States District Attorney at New York, and which is a reprint of an article in "Woman's World," which, with the case I have mentioned, has led me to issue this warning word to all parents who read this paper.

My excuses for referring to such a subject are manifold. In the West in a peculiar sense we live a free and easy life. The country overflows with strangers, men and women of many nationalities. Many of these are plausible, clever; some are without doubt expert criminals. In this land what looks like a splendid business opening for a girl doesn't alarm by its rosy prospects as it might back east. We are all getting along well, why shouldn't there be excellent chances for young girls. There are, but even these would be as well investigated. Some are too good to be true. There is a reason.

Again, girls who have come out West in the belief that money is easily acquired, once here have to make things hard. There is no easy and a hard way to do it. Some stores and offices pay appallingly low wages, the girl must live and dress "Queen" to do it.

Lastly foreigners, unused to city ways, are ready victims for stray birds of prey. It would be as well (Continued on page 5)

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was returned unopposed, will find it somewhat difficult to keep tabs on the great changes which are bound to be wrought in his riding during his term of office. He was formerly the Hudson's Bay factor at Lac Ste. Anne. What kind of a factor he will be in the Legislature remains to be seen.

ATHABASCA AND PEACE RIVER.

In these constituencies the elections are deferred. It is presumed that Messrs Bredin and Brick, the old members will again be candidates.

EDMONTON AND CALGARY.

The situation in these two cities, both of which return two members, is referred to elsewhere. In Calgary it is believed that a great many will split their votes, voting for Mr. Bennett on the anti-Edmonton cry and for Mr. Cushing, in order that the city may have representation in the cabinet. Dr. Blow is the second Conservative and Dr. Egbert the second Liberal nominee. The cuts which are being published of the two doctors show a remarkable resemblance. A fifth candidate is Mr. George Howell, socialist.

In Edmonton the return of Messrs Cross and McHughall is conceded, but, as explained elsewhere, a very determined effort is being made to reduce the majority of the former as much as possible. Mr. A. F. Ewing, the sole Conservative nominee, is carrying on an energetic campaign, holding meetings nightly. Mr. John Galbraith is in the field as an independent Liberal.

A demonstration will be held in honor of the Liberal candidates on Friday evening, which promises to be the most unique affair of its kind in the history of the city. It will be followed by a mass meeting in the Separate School Hall.

STRATHCONA.

That Premier Rutherford will have a very large majority in Strathcona is assured. The people of the city and vicinity paid him a most remarkable tribute on Saturday afternoon last, when he was nominated at a mass meeting, in which many Conservatives took a prominent part. The nomination was moved by Mr. D. W. Warner, the first president of the Alberta Farmers' Association, and seconded by Mr. F. H. Herbert, the president of the Strathcona branch of the Farmers' Association. In the evening the Premier addressed a crowded meeting, which was presided over by Mr. W. H. Sheppard, a leading Conservative. That Mr. Rutherford will poll nearly the whole vote for the city and have a large majority in the country there is not the slightest doubt.

ALONG THE C. N. R.

Alexandra, Vermilion and Vegreville are all expected to return Liberals. Mr. A. Bramley Moore, the Liberal candidate in the first-named, is a leading citizen of Lloydminster. He was nominated while in the Old Country but his friends have been looking after his interests thoroughly. He is opposed by Mr. J. P. Lowery. In Vermilion the Liberal candidate is Mr. Archie Campbell of Innisfree who has as his opponent, Rev. A. R. Aldridge, Methodist minister at Vermilion. In Vegreville, Mr. J. B. Holden, ex-M.P.P., is opposed by Mr. F. Fane of Beaver Lake, who ran against Mr. Macnealey, Mr. Holden's predecessor, in 1905. Mr. Henry Debevoise, the famous "H. D." of the Vegreville Observer, who took strong Conservative ground in the Dominion elections, says a warm tribute to Mr. Holden, in the course of which he says:

"As member for Vermilion during the term now expiring, he has been often tried and seldom found wanting. He has been invariably accessible, obliging and painstaking in the interests of his constituents; he has never shown party bigotry in his attitude towards anyone; he knows nothing of sheep or goats, and is ready to go out of his way just the same for the Tory who opposed him as for the Grit who stood at his back."

ST. ALBERT AND STONY PLAIN.

In the constituencies lying to the northwest and west of Edmonton stirring contests are in progress. In the former the nominee of the Liberal convention, Mr. Lucien Boudreau of St. Albert, is being opposed by Aid. Wilfrid Garcey of Edmonton, who is also running as a supporter of the Government.

In Stony Plain there are four candidates. Mr. John McPherson, the former member, and Mr. Dan Brox are out as Liberals. Mr. John Mc-

Kinley as a Conservative and Mr. J. Cropley as an independent. The result in both these ridings is exceedingly problematical.

WETASKIWIN, PONOKA AND CAMROSE.

In the first two of these, the former Liberal members, Messrs A. S. Rosenroll and John R. McLeod, retired and their party successors are Charles Olien of Wetaskiwin and Dr. Campbell. In Wetaskiwin opposition is being supplied by Mr. J. G. Anderson, as an independent, who ran against Dr. McIntyre last October. There is little doubt that Mr. Olien will beat him out.

In Ponoka the Conservative candidate is Mr. John A. Jackson, the well-known barrister. He is one of the ablest men in the Conservative ranks and he is putting up a hard fight. The Ponoka situation is certainly one that calls for even money.

In Camrose, a new constituency, Mr. George P. Smith, who has appeared on many platforms throughout the Province and has no small reputation as a speaker, is the Liberal candidate. He has lately branched out into journalism as the editor and proprietor of the Camrose Canadian. He is opposed by an independent, Dr. McEachren of Bawlf, who in the Dominion election last autumn supported the Liberal nominee. Here also it is expected that the vote will be close.

RED DEER.

Here Mr. John T. Moore, the former member, is being opposed, largely on personal grounds by Mr. E. Michener, who was nominated at a Conservative convention, though as an independent. The situation is complicated by the presence of a socialist candidate, Mr. Donald McClure. This will tend, those on the spot say, to divide those anti-

onist to Mr. Moore and help him to win.

INNISFAIR.

Like Red Deer, this is another very doubtful constituency. Mr. Simpson was last time returned by the returning officer's vote. He is now opposed by Mr. George W. West, a merchant of Innisfair. Mr. Simpson is an unusually silent man, while Mr. West is a speaker of unusual fluency. This should serve as a fair test of the old proverb.

OLDS.

In Olds the situation is different. Both Mr. Duncan Marshall, the Liberal, and Mr. George McDonald, the opposition candidate, have a considerable flow of language. In fact the reputation of the former goes far beyond Alberta. But Mr. Marshall's connection with the riding is of very recent date, when he purchased the Olds Gazette, while Mr. McDonald is not only a resident of some years standing, but a farmer as well.



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Home and Society.

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that they should know that few men find time to take an unselfish interest in their welfare.

Read the Hon. Mr. Sims' report: "The recent examination of more than two hundred white slaves by the office of the United States district attorney at Chicago has brought to light the fact that literally thousands of innocent girls from the country districts are every year entrapped into a life of house-slavery and degradation because parents in the country do not understand conditions as they exist, and how to protect their daughters from the white slave traders who have reduced the art of ruining young girls to a national and international system. I sincerely believe that nine-tenths of the parents of these thousands of girls go to their graves every year smothered from lives of decency and comparative peace and dragged under the slime of an existence in the white slave world have no idea that there is really a trade in the ruin of girls as much as there is a trade in cattle or the other products of the farm. If they had known the real conditions, and there is as steady and persistent a 'business' in the ruin of girls, as the great packing houses do in the sale of meats, it is wholly probable that their daughters would not now be in dens of vice. Another significant fact brought out by the examination of these girls is that practically every girl having parents begged that her real name be withheld from the public because of the sorrow and shame it would bring them. One said: 'My mother thinks I'm studying in a boarding school'; another stated, 'My parents in the country think I have a good position in a department store as I did have for a time and I've sent them a little money from time to time; I don't care what happens so long as they don't know the truth about me.' In a word, the one concern of nearly all those examined who have homes in this country was that their parents and in particular their mothers might discover, through the press or otherwise, that their daughters were living lives of shame instead of working at the honorable callings which they had left their homes to go to the city to pursue. There are, to put it mildly, hundreds, yes, thousands of trusting mothers in the smaller cities, the towns, the villages and farming communities of the United States and Canada who believe that their daughters are 'getting on fine' in the city and too busy to come home for a time and 'write much,' while the fact is that these daughters have been swept into the gulf of white slavery the worst doom that can befall a woman. The mother who has allowed her girl to go to the big city and work should find out what kind of life that girl is living and find out from some other source than the girl herself. No matter how good and fine a girl she has been at home and how complete the confidence she has always inspired, find out how she is living, what kind of assistance she is keeping. Take nothing for granted. You owe it to yourself and to her, and it is not disloyalty to go beyond her own words for evidence that the wolves of the city have not dragged her from safe paths. It is, instead, the highest form of loyalty to her. Again, there is, in another particular, a remarkable and impressive sameness in the stories related by these wretched girls. In the narratives of nearly all of them is a passage describing how some man, their acquaintance had offered to 'help them to a good position' in the city, to 'look after' them, and to 'take an interest' in them. After listening to this confession from one girl after another, hour after hour until you have heard it repeated perhaps fifty times, you feel like saying to every mother in the country: 'Do not trust any man who pretends to take an interest in your girl if that interest involves her leaving your own roof. Keep her with you. She is far safer in the country than in the big city, but if she goes to the city she must, then go with her yourself; if that is impossible, place her with some woman who is your friend, not hers; no girl can safely go to a great city to make her own way who is not under the eye of a trustworthy woman who knows the ways and the dangers of city life. Above all, distrust the 'protection,' the 'good offices' of any man, who is not a family friend known to be clean and honorable and above all suspicion."

"Also the evidence shows that the hirelings of this traffic are stationed at certain ports of entry in Canada, where large numbers of immigrants are landed to do what is known in their parlance as 'cutting out work.' In other words, these watchmen for human prey scan the immigrants as they come down the gang plank of a vessel which has just arrived and 'spot' the girls who are unaccompanied by fathers, mothers, brothers or relatives to protect them. The girls who have been spotted as desirable and unprotected victims are promptly approached by a man who speaks her language and is immediately offered employment at good wages, with all expenses to be paid by the man. Most frequently laundry work is the bait held out; sometimes housework or employment in a candy shop or factory. 'The object of the negotiations is

to 'cut out' the girl from any of her associates and to get her to go with them. Then the only thing is to accomplish her ruin by the shortest route. If they cannot be cajoled or enticed by promises of an easy time, plenty of money, fine clothes, and the usual stock of allurements—or a fake marriage—then harsher measures are resorted to. In some instances the hunters really marry the victim. As the story progresses, it is, of course, impossible to speak."

It doesn't much matter, it seems to me, whether such things are carried on as a trade, or are isolated instances of man's depravity, parents need to exercise more care in the selection of the company, the places and the hours their children, particularly their daughters, keep.

HOME AND SOCIETY

To London Town from Babylon
The pagan of the world goes by
For you, for you, I pause and con-
— A Stander-by

Mrs. Bulova had a smart reception at Government House on Friday afternoon of last week, when a steady stream of callers dropped in for a pleasant hour over the teacups. The reception was as delightful as fragrant with the odor of white hyacinths, while a great pink and white azalea opened it in splendid magnificence. Mrs. Bulova was wearing her amethyst chiffon velvet Directoire gown, exquisite in the beauty of its coloring and the rich jewel passages. The reception was not so crowded but that everyone had the great pleasure of a quiet little chat with the gentle mistress of the house, before passing on to the tea room, where the table was a Spring poem with its great bowl of red and yellow variegated tulips, reflecting and again in its mirror base, while yellow shaded candles and yellow satin streamers outlined the looking-glass panel.

Here Miss Babitt, Mrs. Tracy, Mrs. Hareourt and Miss Jessie Belcher did the honors, being kept more than busy.

Mrs. Joseph Morris returned early in the week from a six weeks' trip to various interesting cities. Miss Mary Campbell left a week ago Wednesday for a two months' visit to her sister in the east. Her going will leave a big blank in the Art Booth at the Hospital Fair, but owing to her sister's serious illness she was unable to postpone her going.

Mrs. D. Gillespie, of 656 Seventh street, will receive Wednesday afternoon, March 24th, and not again this season.

The St. Patrick's supper given Thursday evening in the Y.W.C.A. was a pronounced success. One hundred and twenty five guests sat down to seven dainty tables decorated with shamrock and carnations. The affair was entirely conducted by the members in residence who were dressed in white muslin with green sashes. On their heads were tissue paper caps decorated with shamrocks and flags. Mrs. Gallagher and Miss Sharpe very kindly assisted.

Where the Shops Beckon

With the snow running in small rivers down the sides of the streets and the sun shining as it never seems to in any other Province outside of Alberta, Woman, lovely woman, again turns her thoughts hitherwards. She would be more than human to do otherwise with the store windows beckoning in the distracting fashion they are at present conspicuous among them. The Academy's show of the most modish frocks, and stunning hats. To illustrate how outgoing they are, it need only be mentioned that when I dropped into the millinery department early on Wednesday a great many of the choicest models had already been snatched up, and were reposing in the mysterious boxes ready to be delivered. Even at that hour the store was still crowded and I had some difficulty in securing a few moments with the head of the department. A cursory glance about me showed me one thing, the chapeaux this year in style, and offer a range in patterns that should find every woman something to her taste. Prices noticed too are more reasonable, while the beauty of the materials and make-up have not been permitted to suffer.

This year Mr. Ludwig has inaugurated what strikes me as an exaggerated but striking series of special priced hats. On one for instance are hats at \$3.75, another some at \$5 and so on, nice, quiet, little models too and ranging within the reach of what most of us would like to invest in a bonnet.

Of course, and what we are all coming to realize, is that exclusive styles, one must be prepared to pay handsomely. The beauty of shopping in comfort and amid pleasant surroundings is one of the year's making this up to date store a more popular shop with the smartest dressers.

I noticed particularly this year the tasty grouping of colors. One show

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Will You Not Co-operate ?

The Saturday News Desires
all Mothers to Have Their
Babies Photographed
Before Easter.

It did not take long for responses to be made to the invitation extended by the Saturday News last week to everyone who was fortunate enough to have a baby in the household to have a photograph taken of the little boy or girl. It is our desire to publish in the Mirror a series of cuts of these young citizens from whom Alberta expects so much. We would, therefore, respectfully request the co-operation of all parents among our readers in making it as representative as possible of the youthful beauty of the city and district. We have arranged with Mr. C. M. Burk, whose reputation for careful and artistic work is well known, to photograph up till Easter at his studio on Jasper Avenue East all babies who are brought there for that purpose. This will be done without charge and Mr. Burk will present to each mother one print of the tiny sitter. Those who have already taken advantage of the opportunity are delighted with the results obtained and we trust that others will not delay in following their example.

A Survey of the Field

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ROCKY MOUNTAINS.

This riding takes in the greater part of the mining population of the Province, that in the Crow's Nest and around Banff. It is a Government support. Mr. J. A. Macdonald, a socialist, Mr. O'Brien, and a Conservative, Mr. H. E. Lyon of Blairmore, are in the field. The labor vote is so preponderant and is so determined to secure direct representation that there is little doubt one of the first two candidates will be chosen.

STETTLE.

In this new constituency, the Liberal nominee, Mr. R. L. Shaw, a well-known cattle-man, is expected to have an easy victory over his opponent, Mr. Sheppard.

GLEICHEN.

Under all circumstances Gleichen is bound to be close. Mr. E. H. Riley, the late member, is opposed by a Conservative, Mr. James Shoultze.

MEDICINE HAT.

Judging by the vote in the Dominion election, and the close shave which he had in 1905, Hon. W. T. Finlay, one would think, would have a hard time in pulling through. He is again opposed by Major Sissons. His supporters, however, express confidence. If he wins, it will be a notable personal victory.

OKOTOKS, HIGH RIVER, NANTON.

This was looked upon as a fairly safe Conservative riding until the Liberals nominated an unusually strong candidate in Mr. McHardy. The Conservative is Mr. George Hoadley.

In High River some bitterness was created in connection with the Liberal nomination, which went to Mr. L. M. Roberts. This may help the Conservative candidate, Dr. Stanley. In Nanton the former leader of the opposition, Mr. Robertson, is having a hard fight, and there is a decided possibility that he will go down before Mr. J. Glendinning.

CLAIRSHOLM, McLEOD.

These are two of the most hotly contested ridings in the Province. Mr. Malcolm Mackenzie, the old member for McLeod, chose the former, though a resident of McLeod town. He is opposed by Mr. Fred Garraway, a prominent rancher. In McLeod Mr. Colin George, Liberal, is opposed by Mr. E. P. McNeill, independent Conservative.

PINCHER CREEK.

This will without doubt return the Liberal, Dr. Warnock, who succeeds the former member, who was very popular with his colleagues in Edmonton. Mr. John P. Maclellan, Opposing Dr. Warnock is Mr. E. J. Mitchell.

CARDSTON.

The former member for Cardston, Mr. John W. Woolf, is being opposed by Mr. Levi Barker, a prominent member of the Mormon church, which has been accused of throwing its influence against Mr. Woolf, though this has been denied. Reports are that Mr. Woolf will win out, though by a small majority.

LETHBRIDGE DISTRICT.

The return of Dr. Rivers of Raymond, the Liberal candidate, is assured. He is opposed by an independent Liberal, Mr. A. J. McLean.

LETHBRIDGE CITY.

This is another case where the issue is complicated by the presence of a third candidate. Mr. W. A. Buchanan is running in the Liberal interests, Mr. C. Ives, who op-

posed Dr. Deveber in 1905, and Mr. Donald McNab, who sat for the constituency during the last session, as the labor man. With three candidates in the field in the bye-election of 1906, after Dr. Deveber's appointment to the Senate, the Liberal won out, the fight being between him and the labor man. Will history repeat itself on Monday?

A GENERAL REVIEW.

As will be noted from what has been said above, there are a considerable number of constituencies in which it is impossible to forecast the result.

There is every indication, however, that when all the returns are in the following ridings will be represented by supporters of the Government: Athabasca, Alexandra, Cardston, Banff, Edmonton (2), Lac Ste. Anne, Lacombe, Leduc, Lethbridge District, Peace River, Paken, Pembina, Pincher Creek, Sedgewick, St. Albert, Stettin, Strathcona, Sturgeon, Vegreville, Vermilion, Victoria, Wetaskiwin.

If all the other seats should go against the Government, this would leave a clear majority of five in a House of 41 members.

Of the eight seats not accounted for in the above, we would say that the Conservatives were reasonably certain to carry two (Mr. Bennett in Calgary and Didsbury) and a labor candidate one (Rocky Mountains). This leaves fifteen doubtful namely: Calgary, Cochrane, Camrose, Claresholm, Gleichen, High River, Innisfail, Lethbridge City, Medicine Hat, Nanton, Okotoks, Olds, Ponoka, Red Deer, Stony Plain.

The Opposition candidates in these constituencies are all considered as Conservatives, though in McLeod, Camrose, Olds and Red Deer, it is as independents that they are offering themselves.

Giving eight of these 15 seats to the Government and seven to the Opposition, would leave the final standing in the next House: Liberal, 31; Conservatives, 9; Labor, 1, a clear Government majority of 21 over all.

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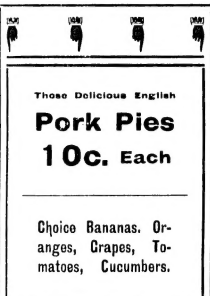
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What Good Citizenship Means

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may be that the best way to give diligent attention to justice is to mind our own business, and let other men mind theirs. Let us then keep before us the ideal of brotherhood; let us work to make it prevail; let us even, as Robbie Burns exhorts us, play for it:

Then let us pray that come it may,
As come it will for a' that,
That sense and worth o'er a' the
earth,
May bear the gree and a' that.

For a' that, and a' that,
It's coming yet for a' that,
When man to man the world o'er
Shall brethren be for a' that.

Educational ideals we have, and we see the importance of them. If we had not known it before, Darwin is teaching us to-day what can be done through education. The Prussians have a doctrine that what you want to appear in the life of a nation you must first put into its schools. We must do more than train the minds of our boys and girls; we must train their muscles in his work upon the farm, but the city boy is not so favored, and manual training, as well as organized play, must have a part in the education of the future.

Again, whatever may be our opinion about the question of religion in the public schools, we are all agreed that the school is the place for the teaching of "manners, virtue, freedom, power." Children must also be taught the care of their bodies, for here a physical fact is as sacred as a moral principle. Another thing: Boys should be given some instruction in the public schools to enable them to take their part nobly as citizens in the days to come. This is a thing that has been sadly neglected in the past, hence the difficulty we find in solving many of the problems of our day.

Will you permit me to say there is need that we set before us the religious ideal? I do not mean any particular religion. That is the mistake we make when one speaks of religion; we think he means the tenets of some religious sect. As to what particular church you may or may not be connected with, I am not concerned, but I am concerned, as all earnest men are concerned, that the people of Alberta shall be conscious of and obedient to the religious ideal. It may be that some of you will not agree with me here. "Morals," you say, "yes; but why religion?" Because while "the decay of religion may leave the institutes of morality intact, it drains off their inward power," as Martineau has well said. Spencer has shown us that the principles of moral conduct may be the outcome of reasoned experience, but without religious belief you will find that in the end the forces that keep men moral and help them to live up to the moral ideal will be paralyzed.

I was speaking with an Edmonton friend the other day. He used to attend my church occasionally when I was here. I asked him what church he was attending now. He replied that he was afraid he didn't go to church very much these days. "Well," I replied, "I shall not worry much about that if only you keep up the religious end." He said he tried to do that. "You see what I mean. We must keep up the religious end, or we are constituted and end, as society is constituted, it is probable that the most of us will be able to do that best if we connect ourselves with some Christian church. The church is the greatest democratic institution in the world and stands as the other institution for the maintenance of democratic ideals. If it failed to do that it would be disloyal to its Master, the world's greatest democracy."

You will be thinking that I forget that I am not a pulpit, but here are questions of vital importance to citizenship. Mr. Martineau said of Scotchmen that he saw things steadily and saw them whole. That is the sort of vision without which the people perish, and the great value of religion is that it gives men this steadiness and wholeness of vision. It enables us to "believe what the years and the centuries say

against the hours, to resist the usurpation of particulars and penetrate to their catholic sense." It helps men to realize the ideals of democracy—that they are not mere units, but are bound up in the bundle of all the living, and that they are allies of that great power that rules the universe.

But I must bring my remarks to a close. We have a great work to do, we men who have heard the call of the West and have obeyed. Here upon this last piece of virgin soil on God's earth we are given the task of building a nation. We must be like Brownie's hero:

"One who never turned his back
marched breast forward,
Never doubted clouds would
break,
Never dreamed though right were
worsted, wrong would triumph,
Held we fell to rise, are vanquish-
ed to fight better,
Sleep to wake."

MUSIC AND DRAMA

In silken shoes and ragged dress,
Forlorn she stands
A peck of diamonds, more or less,
Adorn her hands.
Yet she must beg, she doth confess,
In foreign lands.
The canvas grove is dark and vast,
The wintry breeze
Comes whistling in a bitter blast
Through canvas trees.
The paper snow is falling fast
And she will freeze.
And now the wolves are on the run;
We hear their whoops.
To yelp and howl they have begun
In sullen groups.
I understand the trick is done
Outside by supes.
The hero dashes from the wings;
The wolves skidoo,
The leading lady to him clings;
They bill and coo.
We may as well put on our things;
The play is through.

I have frequently contended in this column that, so far as Canadian audiences at least were concerned, it didn't pay to produce a play or an opera, that was objectionable in tone. This was to say nothing of the moral aspects of the question. It is encouraging to find that this is the opinion also of a well-known New York manager, Mr. Henry B. Harris, who in a recent interview said:

"I have never produced an unclean play, nor do I ever expect to. Therefore it is a matter of indifference to me whether there is a censor of stage productions or not. I doubt if a censor is needed. I think existing laws are quite sufficient to cope with existing conditions. But I do not feel that it affects me personally one way or the other."

"However, I feel that I must take issue with several of the statements made by Charles Burnham, whose interview is reported in The New York Globe has aroused such widespread discussion. I take it that every reputable theatrical manager agrees with Mr. Burnham in his condemnation of immoral plays. But I do not agree with Mr. Burnham in his declaration that the stage has no educational value; that it is purely a means of entertainment. Nor do I agree with him—and I can produce the most convincing proof of the correctness of my attitude when he says that nowadays a tinge of immorality is needful to a play's success."

"As for his assertion that the public to-day demands indecency, I want to point out that it is the good plays, the plays which are clean and pure in tendency, that make the money. The impure ones usually lose money. Run over a list of the big money makers of the American stage and you will discover that every one of these plays was clean and sweet. There is 'The Old Homestead.' It ran for twenty-one years, and the net profits taken from it by the producers, house-managers, etc., were \$3,000,000; Benjamin Thompson divided between himself and his sons as the earnings of this play the sum of a million and a half dollars. 'Way Down East' made \$1,000,000 for its management. Charles Klein's royalties on 'The Lion and the Mouse,' were \$480,000."

From another source it was learned that this play made Henry B. Harris a millionaire.

"And with the musical comedies," he went on, "it is in this field that the assertion is made that no musical show can be a success unless it is defiled. The biggest money makers of the musical stage, perhaps, was 'Florodora.' Clean as could be. It cleared half a million dollars. 'The Chinese Honeymoon' made \$300,000. 'The Belle of New York' no one knows how much money that show made, but George Edwards took out \$600,000 from England alone. It was clean. Charles and Daniel Frohman produce musical comedies which are invariably clean. Usually they are successful. Leslie Stuart's 'School

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Home and Society.

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Among the very latest models from Paris and New York I noticed one lovely hat of lace straw, with two shades of yellow velvet ribbon twisted about the crown, and a spray of exquisite yellow grapes and foliage draped at the side, while jet pins added just a smart contrasting touch. Another of white chip had great sprays of red cherries, and long red velvet ties, with the brim faced, which is the dernier cri, with red velvet jet cabochons which are so popular they are difficult to obtain, gave just the correct little finishing touch to this distracting bonnet. One ultra smart black m-line turban had a heavily jetted lace brim, and a spray of flugs in old orange shades as its sole decoration.

These are only a very few of many most becoming hats. As I said before every type of face and style seems to have been considered; there are large hats, there are small ones; all are correct, and have an individual charm.

In ready to wear there are any number of pretty shapes, while the trimmings and floral decorations are superb.

Among the newest novelties are uncurled ostrich quills, eagle quills with stunged trimmings, sprays of grass, but for a suggestive or military effect, whip-ends, cabochons in straw, gold braid, jet, etc., etc., as well as the most exquisite buckles. The flowers and fruits are also unusually natural, and come in bewildering variety. The newest and most popular shades appear to be gold, mahogany, catwaba, lichen greens, mogul browns, burnt onion, and old rose and undoubtedly the hat suggestive of the Empire period is THE hat of the hour.

Before passing on to the Ready to Wear Department I had to pause and admire the children's suits. Buster Browns, sailors, and all the approved styles for small boys and girls up to six years old and thereabouts. Candidly they are the first complete showing of the kind I have ever seen in the city, and the prices held down to the most reasonable figures. These suits come in colors and white and are tailor cut and perfect fitting.

And if the Acme Co. have shown enterprise and excellent taste in the departments I have mentioned, in their women's suits and cloak division, they have done themselves. Every-day suits and gowns are being picked up like the proverbial hot cakes. I saw some stunning samples. Two piece tailor made, in catwaba, taupe, London Smoke, and other popular shades. Some three piece models, the most eagerly snapped up dresses, on view. Princesses and Empire frocks in silks and foulards, beautiful as to cut and with all the latest little touches in garniture. An exhibition of course net waists to match the suits seemed attracting a great deal of attention, while the fingerie gowns and waists were being eagerly tickled over.

Certainly judging from the Acme Co.'s advance sales, linen and muslin frocks are to be lovelier than ever and are to be the correct thing for early spring and summer wear; shirt waists taking a secondary place.

Young girls too have not been neglected in this season's buying, some of the most modish suits and coats being selected in their sizes.

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Girl and 'Belle of Mayfair' were enormously successful. They were clean. Two of the greatest money makers of recent years have been Charles Frohman's 'Little Minister' and 'Peter Pan.' Not the most bigoted could assert that there is a line of evil in either.

THE SWISS BELL RINGERS.

An entertainment which is unique in character and of the very highest class, is that provided by the Musical Ekardts, more generally known as the Swiss Bell Ringers, who will appear at the Opera House to-morrow, Saturday afternoon and evening. How many are there who have heard the sweet music produced on skillfully manipulated hand bells, and have not put themselves to inconvenience to go and hear such a treat as that carried by this company? Then they have the musical glasses. One has to hear these played to realize how much melody lies in an ordinary drinking glass. Musical rattles, musical tonio cans and the wonderful steel marimphone are other novel features. The program also contains such numbers as violin, bell, cornet, euphonium and vocal solos, silver sextette, male quartette, and readings. This is an entertainment from which all classes and ages of people can get amusement, instruction and enjoyment one that is of the highest grade in every particular, and a treat which only very seldom has the opportunity to enjoy.

THE SAN FRANCISCOANS.

Edmonton theatre-goers welcomed back the San Francisco Opera Company this week in hearty fashion, four packed houses testifying to their appreciation. Most of the former principals are still with the organization, the only change of consequence being in the leading tenor, which was not an improvement. The greatest attention was in the chorus, which is not nearly as attractive either from the point of stage presence or vocal ability as on the last occasion. The old principals, however, fully maintained the high reputation which they left behind them in September. In 'Dolly Varden' Miss Mabel Day made a charming country maiden, in many respects her work was superior to that of Lulu Glosier, notably in the singing of 'The Lay of the Jay,' one of the best things in the opera. The fact that the song proper was so delightfully sung, made it a matter of regret that in responding to the encore, Miss Day slipped in the cheap play to the gods, that too often mars her performances. 'Three Tiny Words,' which she gave with such effect in 'The Boymaker' was again a most popular number, in the disguise of the midshipman she once more showed her through mastery of the art of making up.

Mr. J. Palmer Collins as Fairfax was, as always, excellent. Miss Lucille Pamer, who had the part of Leticia, possesses a voice of beautiful quality but is lacking in animation. As Gayspark Mr. Webb was well he Teddy Webb! The next evening in 'The Girl from Paris' he was the whole show and was never funnier. It is by a stretch of imagination that the world opera or even musical comedy could be applied to the production. It was broad farce with an occasional snatch of indifferent music thrown in. On Wednesday 'Wang' was given with a new member of the company, Mr. Kunkel, in the title role, while on Wednesday afternoon 'The Strollers,' in which the organization was seen last fall, was repeated.

The Empire Theatre have another excellent programme for next week. A list of the different numbers will be found in the advertisement in another column.

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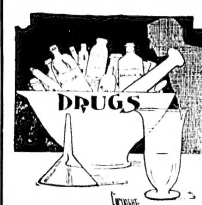
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